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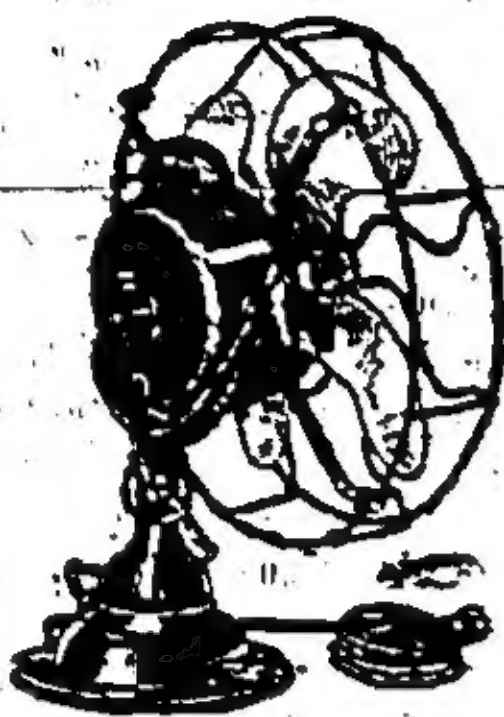
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY.

GOVERNMENT'S REPARATION NEGOTIATIONS CRITICISED.

AN IMPORTANT DEBATE.

PARIS, May 19.

In the Chamber of Deputies an important debate on foreign policy was begun. M. Tardieu charged the Government with failing to defend France's interests in allied negotiations and particularly criticised the inadequacy of the total reparations claims whereby France is a loser owing to the desire to respect Britain's insistence on the observance of the Paris agreement.

NEXT SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING.

PARIS, May 19.

The British charge d'affaires last night formally requested the French Government to be represented at the Supreme Council meeting to which America, Italy and Japan have also been invited. M. Briand reserved definite acceptance until the conclusion of today's debate in the Chamber of Deputies.

FRENCH PRESS ROUSED AGAIN.

PARIS, May 19.

The quieter tone of the French press mentioned yesterday disappeared today in view of Mr. Lloyd George's statement which is regarded as aggravating the effects of his speech in the House of Commons. His reference to foreign press opinions is disputed, the papers declaring that the whole of the American press, with the exception of the pro-German organs, approved M. Briand's attitude, while the important Italian newspapers mostly approved the French viewpoint. The *Petit Parisien* says that Mr. Lloyd George has deeply wounded French sentiment. France is entitled to consideration when the security of her soldiers is affected. She only wants simple justice, namely that the country essentially Polish be restored to Poland. The *Petit Journal* referring to the passage "the future of the world will be determined by old or new friendships" refuses to believe that Mr. Lloyd George threatens France with a possible alliance with Germany and declares that if he forgets the 600,000 British soldiers buried in France, the British people will not forget it. The *Matin* declines to make Britain responsible for the language of her Premier and says that he is entitled not to share French opinion as regards Silesia but could express his views by diplomatic notes and not by speeches.

DEPUTIES APPLAUD.

M. Tardieu was applauded when he declared that the spirit of the Versailles Treaty was being violated. He recalled decisively the French's assurance that a strong hand would seize Germany's neck if the twelve milliards were not forthcoming by May 1. Instead of this the Government had been content with a German promise. He declared that the British and French cannot dispense with one another during war or peace. He said that the policy of successive concessions had given rise in Britain to perilous illusions as regards French capacity for always yielding. The debate was adjourned.

OPIUM IN CHINA.

ALLEGED ACTIVE CULTIVATION.

LONDON, May 19.

Commenting on the letter by Sir W. J. Collins, British plenipotentiary at the Opium Conference, *The Times*, dealing with the allegation that China is actively cultivating opium, says it is to be hoped and expected that revolutionary China will show no less care for the interests of her population than her autocracy displayed, and will soon acquire sufficient authority to make that care effective.

TEXTILE WORKERS.

PROPOSED WAGES REDUCTION OPPOSED.

LONDON, May 19.

The executive of the northern counties textile federation at Manchester has refused the employers' proposal for a 30 per cent. reduction in wages.

U.S. MARINE WORKERS' STRIKE.

LABOUR SECRETARY'S DECISION TO BE ACCEPTED.

WASHINGTON, May 19.

Representatives of the marine workers who are striking throughout the country in consequence of a dispute with regard to the proposed 15 per cent. reduction in wages, have now fully empowered Mr. Davis, the Secretary of Labour, to accept such wage reductions as he deems proper.

HOME CRICKET.

AUSTRALIANS' VICTORY OVER ESSEX.

LONDON, May 19.

In lovely weather, before 8,000 spectators, with a good wicket, the Australians made 318 runs. Andrews made 60 and Henry 55 not out. Essex made 99. Douglas made 47 not out. Gregory took five wickets for 43 runs. Australia won by an innings and 75 runs.

Oxford beat Somerset by six wickets.

GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS.

BRITISH WITNESSES LEAVE FOR LEIPZIG.

LONDON, May 19.

British representatives are leaving for Leipzig for the expected opening of the trial of German war criminals on May 23, accompanied by 60 witnesses collected from all parts of the world to testify regarding atrocities.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/4 7/8

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BURGLAR CAUGHT.

HOUSEBOY'S SMART CAPTURE.

A SUCCESSFUL PREMISE.

Details of a smart capture were related to Magistrate Orme this morning when a Chinese was charged with burglary at No. 41, Saiwan Terrace, Shaubuiwan.

The houseboy said that he was awakened about 4.30 this morning by the noise made by a man forcing open the kitchen window. He pretended to sleep while the intruder crept slowly into the room and took a coat off a nail in the wall. As the man was retracing his steps to the window, the witness suddenly switched on the electric light and grabbed him.

The defendant said that he went into the house to shelter from the rain. He did not steal or intend anything. He was a native of Kichow, and had been a soldier at Swatow. The Magistrate passed sentence of 21 days' hard labour.

A CANNY COOLIE.

SAMSHUIPO FIRE INCIDENT.

In connection with the Samshuiipo oil factory fire, a Chinese was charged in Magistrate Orme's Court this morning with the larceny of the machinery of a clock. The police said that while the fire was in progress, the master of an adjacent house endangered by falling sparks, decided to vacate the premises. Before the servants left the place, their effects were inspected, and the clockwork was found in a basket belonging to the defendant. The defendant, who frankly admitted the theft, said that he thought the house would catch fire, and in anticipation of unemployment, stole the clockwork in order to raise money to buy a passage back to the country. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

SMUGGLED CIGARETTES.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM
WHEN SEIZED.

INFORMER GETS HALF VALUE.

Magistrate Lindell this morning imposed a fine of \$55, or, in default, four weeks' hard labour, on a Chinese charged with the unlawful possession of 2,700 dutiable cigarettes. The Magistrate, in ordering the confiscation of the cigarettes, enquired what the revenue department did with them.

Acting Chief Preventive Officer Watt said that the cigarettes were sold to either the B.A.T. or the Nanyang Brothers who paid wholesale price on them, plus duty. Half the proceeds were generally given to the informer in the case.

When a Chinese woman was charged with the unlawful possession on the Lung Wing Wharf, of 600 dutiable cigarettes, she said that she was a beggar and carried the cigarettes ashore in order to earn a few cents from a man on board the s.s. "Sunning." The Magistrate fined the defendant \$10 or 14 days, and ordered the confiscation of the cigarettes.

TWO BURGLARY STORIES.

WHICH ONE IS TRUE?

ACCUSED MAN ALLEGES ASSAULT.

Before Magistrate Orme this morning, a Chinese was charged with burglary at No. 420, Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on April 16.

Inspector Brown said that on the night in question, the defendant was found by the police lying unconscious in the drain outside the house. Dragged from the verandah of the first floor was a broken piece of rope, and by his side were found two baskets which the inmates of the house identified as their property. The defendant, who was badly hurt was removed to the hospital where he had been detained until a day or two ago.

The defendant denied burglary. He said that he and another man were carrying wine from a ship when they were accosted by several men who assaulted them because they refused to surrender the wine. The defendant added that he could produce witnesses to support his story.

The Magistrate remanded the case until tomorrow morning in order to give the defendant a chance to produce his witnesses.

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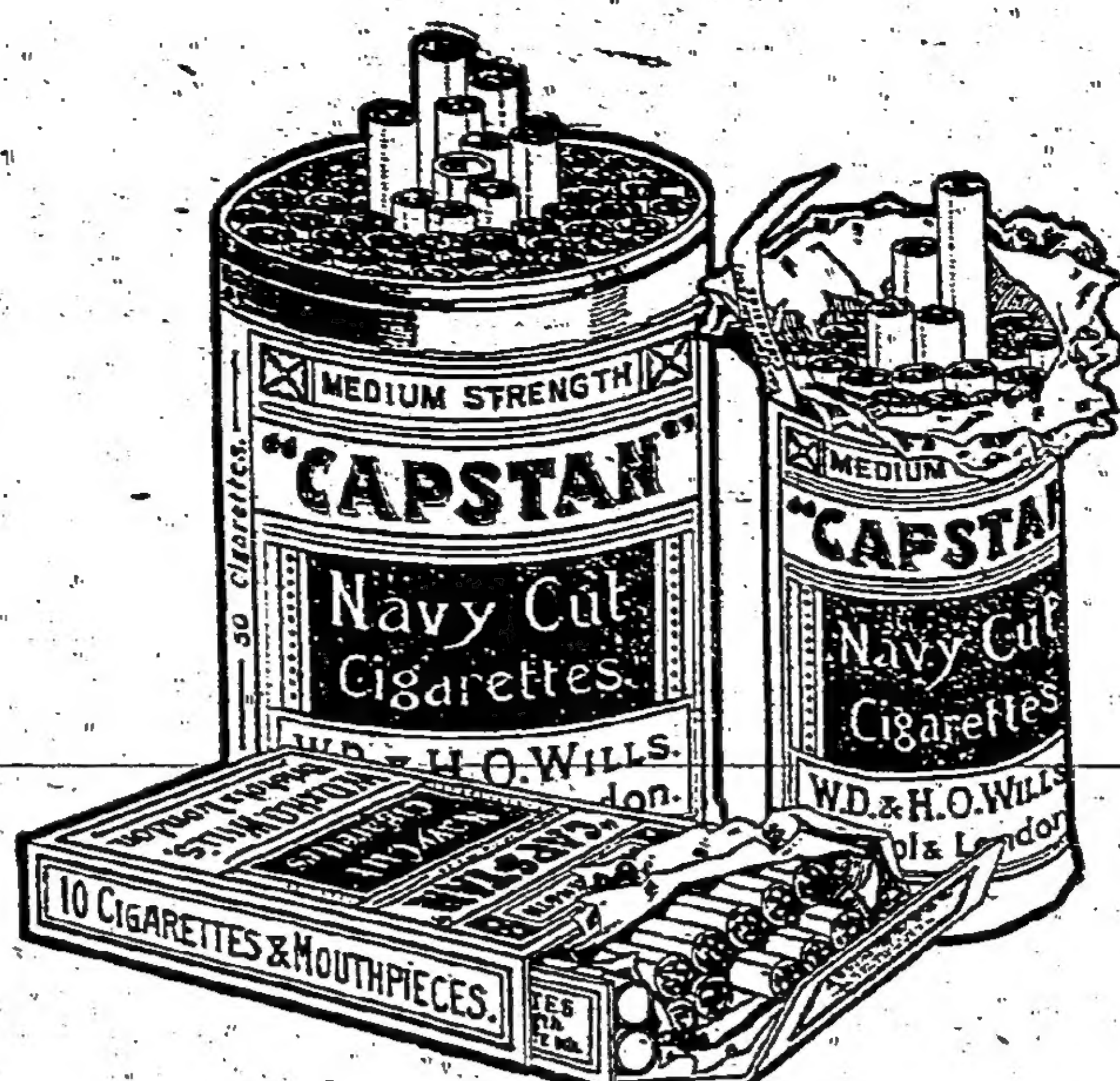
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CONTRAST IN HUMAN TYPES.

Alexander M. Thompson the *Daily Mail's* special Labour correspondent writes:—

One could scarcely conceive a greater contrast in human types than that presented by the acting president and the secretary of the Miners' Federation.

Mr. Frank Hodges, the secretary, is a young man of 34, with a young and handsome face, fresh complexion, dark hair, and the deep-set eyes, alternately dreamy and flashing of the poet and the fighter. He is "exceedingly wise, fair-spoken and persuading; lofty and calm to them that love him not." A few years ago he was a working miner, then he was sent to the Central College, where he studied economics, thence to Paris, where he acquired a correct and fluent knowledge of French, and now he discusses abstruse problems of finance and politics on terms of easy intellectual equality with the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Hodges has brains; also ideals: when the former, in seasoned maturity, assume full control of the latter Mr. Hodges may make history.

Mr. Herbert Smith is totally different. He is burly and gruff, talks broad Yorkshire, still wears the cap of his mining days. He was born in a Ramsley workhouse and has lived to become a Poor Law guardian of the district.

His friends tell a tale of him which describes him better than I can. As he was walking to church with his daughter, one Sunday during last year's strike he heard one of a group of wayside loafers remark: "That's the chap that sold us."

Mr. Smith requested his daughter to walk on, deposited his Prayer-book on the ground, stripped off his coat, and with characteristic scorn of superfluous argument, invited his critic to follow his example. The critic demurred, but the acting-president of the Miners' Federation convinced him by effective physical persuasion that he would feel much more comfortable in shirt-sleeves.

The subsequent debate had reached its fourth clause when a horrified policeman appeared and reminded Mr. Smith that he was a magistrate.

That's a new record, replied the miners' leader, "but I think he's good enough for a couple more rounds. Then I'll talk to thee." But I understand that Mr. Smith completed his critic's conversion in the next round, put on his coat, picked up his Prayer-book, and then rejoined his daughter.

with the blissful feeling of a good Christian who has done his duty to his neighbors.

Mr. James Henry Thomas, M.P., started his career 47 years ago as an errand boy at the age of nine; he came in turn cleaner, fireman, and engine-driver on the Great Western Railway; president of the Railwaymen's Union; member of Parliament for Derby; and Privy Counsellor. He has had no "education" of the sort taught in schools, but in some respects, perhaps, knows as much as some highly tutored railway directors. Like Mr. Hodges—and the Prime Minister—he is Welsh, and like one at least of these fellow-wranglers in the University of Industrial Politics, he is "slim" in debate and marvellously quick to snatch a chance.

His enemies accuse him of a propensity to pose and an excessive readiness to compromise; but his admirers retort that, whatever the defects of his methods, they generally have the very excellent quality of successfulness.

"Jim Thomas may bend, and Jim Thomas may wriggle," I have heard one of them say, "but he mostly contrives to get there."

Mr. Thomas is the happy possessor of another precious virtue: he has a keen sense of humour, and none of his critics gets as much fun out of him as he gets out of himself—and them.

Mr. C. T. Cramp, the industrial secretary of the millwaymen, was formerly a passenger guard on the railway, and I should imagine that his gentle, smiling urbanity in that capacity must have won him at least the offer—I don't know whether he accepted them—of a huge garrison of tips from first-class passengers. The common impression of Mr. Cramp represents him as a long-haired, wild, and frantic Bolshevik; he is, on the contrary, an essential "gentleman" of the most gentle and well-bred suavity, a studious reader, and I doubt whether he ever cut the throat even of an earwig.

Mr. Robert Williams again is a curious mixture. He presents to the world a large and Danton-like figure, and appears at public conferences as a mighty master in the subtleties of that sort of rhetoric which one associates with the bludgeon and the blunderbuss. He has a fine gift of vituperative passion and fury, and sometimes seems so much in earnest that one is almost tempted to believe that he really means what he says. Yet in private conferences there is no more suave or diplomatic negotiator.

Mr. James Winstone was one of a party of trade union leaders whom I "escorted" during this war over the battlefields of the Somme. He had a son in the thick of the fight, and his

GOLD FROM SEA FOAM.

SOME INSTANCES OF FREAK COMPANY PROMOTING.

Some strange cases of company promoting were recalled by Mr. H. W. Jordan at a lecture before the Certified Accountants' Students' Society at Winchester House. The subject of the lecture was company law and practice.

The lecturer said that last year a grocery company was registered with a capital which included 800 employees' shares of one penny each. The capital of another company was £468 15s., divided into 112,500 shares of one penny each, its principal office, according to its memorandum, being to carry on the business of bankers. A generation or more ago a company was actually registered with a capital of £1, divided into farthing shares. A few years ago a company was formed to acquire and turn to account mines, railways, concessions, and monopolies. The optimism of its promoters was refreshing, for, whilst fixing the initial capital at the very modest sum of £100, they apparently contemplated conducting operations of sufficient magnitude to warrant a capital of several millions. A company was registered a little time ago to acquire valuable and extensive business premises in London; its capital was £2, divided into 480 shares of one penny each.

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chief care was to seek him out. But all the soldiers from South Wales were soon to his capacious and catholic sympathy. Yet all the while he fiercely denounced the war, and though professing democratic views appeared intensely hostile to his country's elected Government and the democracy which has raised him and the other leaders of Labour to representative distinction and power.

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The police, hidden behind the tree, opened fire, and the brigand replied with shots from an automatic pistol. The sergeant dashed round the house and met the brigand face to face. The men were but a foot apart.

With one shot Natallucci laid the sergeant dead and dashed on. Policemen ran out from their ambush, and after a few shots the brigand dropped dead.

Natallucci was one of the old type of mountain rangers celebrated in song and fiction.

THE "CHINA MAIL."

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the late Joseph Morgan and of
Mrs. Morgan, of Shanghai, to
Sarah Maude, eldest daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Coombs of
Southampton.

DEATH.

FORBES.—On May 2, 1921, at
Forbes, Scotland, Margaret,
dearly beloved wife of James
McGregor Forbes. (By telegram).

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1921.

NOTHING IN PARTICULAR.

Newspapermen are sometimes an-
nounced by the superciliousness of the
creature who, after scanning the
headlines, observes that, as usual,
there is nothing in the paper. They
shouldn't be, because, in the first
place, no reasonable man allows his
temper to be touched by so mean an
insect as a cockroach; and, in the
second, it is very often true, and they
themselves have experienced it, in
those too frequently recurring seasons
when there is "nothing to write
about." In both cases, newspaper-
men and critical cockroaches, the state-
ment has an implicit qualification

which justifies and makes it true.
They both mean by nothing, nothing
in particular.

The seasons of nothing in particular
come round more or less regularly,
and are exasperating. This is one
of them.

Nothing in particular is an elastic
phrase, capable of covering even
more than charity can. All sorts of
things may be happening in the
world—even as to-day—but the feel-
ing is, for both writer and reader,
that none of them is particularly
interesting. Not one appeals to the
mood of the moment. Yes. That
must be it. The poet has voiced the
difficulty for us, and partly lifted the
psychological veil, in singing "never
the time and the place and the loved
one altogether." Moreover, there is
relevance in the lines about "the
little more, and how much it is; the
little less, and what leagues away."

It is still a burning issue, and still
of the greatest possible interest to
know just what the Governor went
north for, and we ought to be able to
write, as the public would certainly
avidly read, columns about it. But
after spending days and days in
publishing guesses at what it was,
and more days in assuring the suspi-
cious Cantonese what it was not (and
as we said, couldn't be) we have
reached the stage of the little more—
and too much it is.

The Governor is back again, and
there is nothing in particular to dis-
cuss.

The *Canton Times* describes us as
a voice crying in the wilderness—
and by wilderness plainly hints at
our vast ignorance of the content and
purpose of the official mind. "We
cannot deny it. Must we apologise
for it? How can we overcome the
secretive habits the mysterious ways
of our officials? If we send the re-
porter Mahomet to the mountain,

he cometh as good as empty away.
Never, never does the official moun-
tain come to Mahomet, except when
it wants its claims to better pay
boosted, or to be praised for things
it thinks it has done.

Our Canton contemporary has com-
pelled us to think, to scheme, to
plan. We are too much in the dark,
and learn of things that matter far
too late. Cannot this be remedied?
Our officials pretend they have
nothing up their sleeves. Could we
not have a regular Press Bureau (not
the whimsies of an A.D.C., prattling
of dinner parties) but a proper and
recognized office to which the re-
porters would have a right to go, and
from which they could get information
as a right? With an official in it not
so high and mighty and inflated as
to despise those newspaper fellows?

From such an office we could have
learned in time that the S.C.A. was
publishing certain proclamations. We
could have got official translations of
those proclamations. We could have
pointed out promptly their dangers,
and (perhaps) have got 'em amended.
We could at any rate have got an
official avowal of the official motives
and purposes—as it were "objects
and reasons"—and been able to
explain that though they looked nasty,
they were innocent and laudable in
intention.

Besides, by greater intimacy with
the Press, officials might learn not
to publish "things one would have
expressed differently." It isn't so
much what they do, as the nasty
way they do it.

It is rather hard on the *China Mail*,
as things are. The Chinese recognize
our honesty, but (say they) the
China Mail isn't in the confidence
of the Government. It doesn't know
what they are up to. It apologises
for them, it explains away their im-
partial and not mixed up in political
or commercial intrigues; but we
cannot take its word for that. It
does not know.

What can we possibly make answer
to that? Nothing in particular.

At this eleventh hour we advise,
we urge, the Government, if it can,
to assure the Kwangtung people that
the object of the Governor's trip
north was nothing they would object
to. If at all possible it would be
better still to state simply what his
errand was. What could there be
that requires secrecy and conceal-
ment? He is not a diplomat, or,
if he is, unbeknownst, he has no
business to be.

Hongkong officials must not, and
we believe dare not, interfere in any
way with China's domestic politics.
The S.C.A. proclamations (or rather
the published translations of them,
which are not certified) are capable
of assuming the appearance of an
indiscreet interference; but as we
said before, we feel sure that was not
intended. We have roused for the
impairment, as regards Chinese poli-
tics, of our Government. We warn
it not to "let us down" over that.

We promise, if any justification of
these Kwangtung suspicions should
appear, that if the activities of the
Hastewoods at Home have "chastized
it with whips," ours will "chastize it
with scorpions."

The "square deal" is a generic
expression. It covers "nothing in
particular." But we stand for it, and
by it.

A JEALOUS SPIRIT.

SECOND WIFE HAUNTED.

HUSBAND DIVORCED DECEASED WIFE.

How a Chinese merchant divorced
his wife after she had been dead
for several years is the gist of a
story which appeared in the Shang-
hai Chinese press.

A Soochow tea merchant, the
narrative says, by the name of Lyuh,
had taken a second wife some time
after the death of his first. As a re-
sult of the second union a daughter
was born. Several days after giving
birth, the young mother was taken
ill, and grew worse and worse
as time went by.

All sorts of healing methods were
tried without avail and it was feared
that the young wife would die. At
last a nun was called in and gave
the opinion that the spirit of the
husband's former wife was causing the
illness. Prayers were then offered
to the dead wife, but still there were
no signs of the living wife's recovery.
The nun then suggested that the
husband draw up a deed divorcing
the dead wife just as if she were
alive. This the husband, for a time,
refused to do but was later prevailed
upon to do so in order to save his
second wife's life. The deed was then
taken to a temple and burned on the
altar.

Immediately afterward the living
wife showed signs of recovery and
was soon her normal self again.

SPECIAL CABLES.

BOLSHEVNIK AGITATORS EXPULSION FROM DUTCH INDIES.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, May 19.
An engineer named Barsa who was
expelled from the Dutch East Indies
for openly advocating Bolshevism, is
due in Singapore tomorrow where
he will meet Sovietist who was ex-
pelled for the same reason years ago.
They are proceeding to Siberia.
Barsa has just married a native of
seventeen who accompanies him.

AMOI UNIVERSITY.

STRAITS CHINESE PRESIDENT.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, May 19.
Dr. Lim Boon Keng, who represents
the Chinese on the Straits Legislative
Council, has accepted the presiden-
tialship of Amoy University. Mr. Lim
Boon Keng is a well-known educational
expert.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Shanghai light-weight cop-
per coin scandal seems to have
reached an acute stage. At a meet-
ing of tailors held the other day the
Chinese knights of the needle decided
not to accept them.

On Wednesday evening a fare-
well dinner was given to a large
number of athletes by the South
China Athletic Association in the
special dining room of the Or Lok
Yuen Restaurant on the occasion of
their leaving for Shanghai to take
part in the Far Eastern Olympic
Games, beginning on May 30.

As the result of a quarrel in
Saiyungpun market yesterday, the
store coolie is now in the Government
Civil Hospital suffering from stab
wounds on the left arm and breast,
alleged to have been inflicted with a
butcher's knife by a market coolie named
Wong Kuo, who has absconded.
The patient's injuries are not con-
sidered serious.

An able seaman from the U.S.
Shipping Board ship, "Abercrombie," lying
at the Dollar Wharf, had been ashore
on leave on Wednesday night last
week and was returning to his ship
on the "Alice Dollar" ferry steamer
a few days. On Saturday week last
the second crowing occurrence within
a few days. On Saturday week last
the storekeeper of the U.S. "Imlay"
was returning to his ship by sampan
when he also fell overboard and was
drowned. No bodies have yet been
recovered.

Mr. Frederick R. Wulsin, who
has been sent to China by the Har-
vard Museum of Comparative Zoology
for the purpose of collecting speci-
mens, arrived in Shanghai by the
Admiral str. "Wenatchee" and is
staying at the Astor House. Mrs.
Wulsin accompanies him and is only
waiting to learn more about condi-
tions in China to decide whether she
will also accompany him into the
interior where Mr. Wulsin's work
will take him. While specimens are
not so abundant in China as they are
in many places on account of the
country being so thickly populated,
still those which are in existence are
quite unusual. Mr. Wulsin expects
that his work will keep him in China
perhaps a year.

A Chinese who arrived from
America by the "Empress of Asia,"
was this morning charged before
Magistrate Lindsell with the unlawful
possession of one pistol and 14
rounds of ammunition. The defend-
ant who said that he had lived many
years in America, and was ignorant
of local regulations, told the Magis-
trate that he was taking the weapon
with him to the country for self-
protection. The Magistrate imposed
a fine of \$50, and ordered the pro-
visional confiscation of the pistol and
ammunition for three months, at the
end of which time the defendant could
claim them on production of a permit
from the Canton authorities to take
the weapon there.

No fewer than eight lawyers are
engaged in trying a case of alleged
fraud and misappropriation, now
before the Shanghai Mixed Court,
involving the sums of Tls. 170,000
and \$69,000. Counsel appearing in
the case are Messrs. Hadley, Rodger,
Holborow, Newman, Ting, Hartigan,
Fischer, and Lemiere. There are five
defendants, four accountants and an
optician, and they are charged with
having misappropriated the funds
mentioned, belonging to the "Zung
Ching Bank." Application was made
that the matter be adjourned for six
weeks, in view of a possible settle-
ment of both civil and criminal
cases, and this court was agreed to.
Two of the defendants were released
on their own security, and the others
were ordered to give adequate security to
the amount of \$50,000 each.

ELIXIR OF LIFE.

WORK AND OLD AGE.

PROFESSOR'S NEW THEORY.

We used to be taught that those
who die young are the beloved of the
gods. Nothing, not even a quotation,
is sacred to an American professor.
One of this disturbing class has now
devised the drastic emendation that
it is "the disciples of indolence" who
die in their youth. Subtle cynics
may try to harmonise the old saying
and the new, urging that those the
gods love and "disciples of indolence"
are one and the same. But our
American sage does not wish to be
taken thus frivolously. He contends,
with all the weight of medical expe-
rience, that the elixir of life is hard
work under high pressure. Men who
take this medicine, he assures the
world, not merely live to a ripe old
age, but their usefulness at three-score
and ten is vastly greater than at 30,
for their mental powers become more
and more vigorous as the result of
constant activity. Unless we happen
to be waiting for promotion to the
posts occupied by too tenacious
seniors, we must all wish to support
this doctrine. A regimen of hard work
for others is destined to be a popular
prescription. But if we are to take
it seriously, further elucidation seems
necessary. Few men or none retain
to three-score and ten the physical
energy and endurance of the thirties.
Dr. Goldwater himself does not pro-
mise that the most strenuous labour
will preserve this department of
human capacity. So that those
whose occupation requires much
bodily effort are left to grow old as
now they do. This leaves a very
large part of the human race without
any benefit from the new prescription.
Still, we commend to all whom it
may concern the warning that ease
and quiet are the means not to long-
evity but to an untimely death. Those
who retire early from business must
expect to retire also from life. Such
are the highly moral principles of
existence deduced by Dr. Goldwater
from his study of his compatriots.
"The pace that kills is the crawl" is
his golden rule. Yet again the critical
instinct of the Old World seeks to be
heard. We will admit all Dr. Gold-
water's facts, and the more readily
since we do not know what they
are. But his theory is not wholly
convincing. Suppose that in America
men who retire early and live easily
and "crawl" are apt to die young, is
it not possible that their death and
their sloth are alike due to an original
lack of vigour? Laziness itself is
often a physical infirmity. Yet we
will readily agree that Dr. Goldwater
is good for our friends. Most of them
would surely be healthier and wiser if
their standards of industry were
raised. We fear, however, that they
will remind the doctor of the entirely
orthodox doctrine of Charles Lamb:

Who first invented work and bound
the free
And holiday-rejoicing spirit down
To that dry drudgery at the desk's
dull wood?
Who but the Being unblest, alien
from good,
Sabbathless Satan!

ROME THUNDERBOLT.

FAMOUS OBELISK DAMAGED.

HISTORIC MONUMENT.

A thunderbolt fell in the Piazza di
San Pietro close to the Obelisk,
the base of which was slightly dam-
aged.

The great Obelisk, which is in the
centre of the Piazza, the imposing
space in front of St. Peter's, was, like
Cleopatra's Needle on the Thames
Embankment, brought from Heli-
opolis, Egypt. From the time of the Em-
peror Caligula (A.D. 37-41) until 1686
it stood in the Circus of Nero, which
is of historic importance on account
of the martyrdoms of Christians
which took place there under the
direction of Nero. St. Peter was
crucified at the foot of the Obelisk.

In 1586 Pope Sixtus V. ordered the
removal of the Obelisk, a monolith
of red granite weighing about 320 tons,
to its present site. In this operation
800 men, 140 horses, and 46 cranes
were used. It is related that the
architect, Domenico Fontana, in the
construction of his apparatus had not
allowed for the tension of the ropes
caused by the enormous strain, and
that at a critical moment, although
silence was imposed on the bystanders
under pain of death, one of the 800
workmen, a sailor named Brestia, of
San Remo, shouted: "Aqua alle
ruote!" ("Throw water on the ropes"),
thus solving the difficulty.

In return for this service Sixtus
V. granted to the Brestia family the
privilege of supplying St. Peter's with
palm-leaves, which are brought from
the neighbourhood of Bordighera
every year for distribution on Palm
Sunday.

HONGKONG AFFAIRS.

"REFORM WANTED."

A SHANGHAI VIEW.

Hongkong and its administration
has come in for a good deal of criti-
cism lately. It has been asserted
and denied that slavery exists there.
Questions have been asked in the
House of Commons on the subject,
and harassed Under-Secretaries have
had to take shelter in evasive replies.
Now a distinguished lady, who had
been on an important mission to the
East, declares that she was ashamed
of being an Englishwoman when she
arrived at Hongkong and found that
the registered infant death rate was
800 higher than the birth rate (per
annum, presumably). If this state-
ment is correct, it requires some ex-
planation, says the *Shanghai Mercury*.
It may be that Mrs. Neville Rolfe's
figures refer to a year in which there
was exceptional infant mortality.
Presuming that the charges made
against Hongkong are not altogether
unfounded, it would seem that the
agitation for reform in the adminis-
tration and of the direction of the ad-
ministration is by no means unwar-
ranted. Hongkong has a Legislative
Council composed of official and non-
official members in which the official
hold the majority. It is said that
this practically means that the
Governor rules the Council, for the
official members are all under his
control, and probably this would
prove to be the case in vital matters,
although in minor affairs both official
and unofficial members no doubt vote
freely. Nevertheless, it is a fact
that the official majority and the un-
official minority have often been
found ranged on different sides on
important questions, and in conse-
quence the views of the representatives
of the inhabitants of Hongkong have
been set aside in favour of the official
view. Hongkong residents want that
state of affairs altered, and a constitu-
tional Reform Association which has
been formed has now formulated its
wishes, which are that all non-
Chinese members of the Legislative
Council should be elected, that there
should be a larger electoral body,
and that there should be an unofficial
majority, with safeguards, on the
Council. The proposals of the Re-
form Association seem reasonable.
Official Government has evidently
been far from successful, or so much
dissatisfaction and criticism would be
impossible and the British inhabitants
of Hongkong should get an opportunity
of showing that they can manage mat-
ters better. It is to be hoped that
Hongkong will soon have a Govern-
ment at least as popular as Ceylon.
The British residents in Hongkong
are surely as competent to manage
their own affairs as the residents of
Ceylon.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

TRANSFERRED TO YAU MATI.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

A proposal for transferring the
Diocesan School from its present site
to a roomier one near the Yau mati
railway Station was outlined at a well
attended meeting of the Diocesan
School Appeal Committee held in
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s
board room last night under the
presidency of the Right Rev. Bishop
of Victoria.

At the request of the Bishop, the
Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Head
Master, briefly outlined the scheme
for transferring the School from its
present cramped quarters, which re-
tard its growth and usefulness by
compelling it to refuse many applica-
tions from those desirous of being
boarders, to a site of some 174 acres at
Kowloon adjoining Yau mati Railway
station and bounded on one side by
the road from Lai Chi Kok to Kowloon
City and, on the other, by the road
from Yau mati to Kowloon City, along
both of which thoroughfares motor
buses are expected to run in the near
future.

The cost of the essential buildings
and equipment is estimated at
\$400,000. Towards this sum it is
anticipated that the Government will
grant at least \$285,000 (mainly for
the surrender of the present site),
besides giving the new site without
premium, thus leaving \$115,000 to be
raised by subscription. It is also
considered necessary to provide an
endowment fund of \$100,000 in order
to cover the cost of maintaining
orphans and meeting the increased
cost of everything. An appeal is
to be made, therefore, to the public
for \$265,000.

For the purpose of considering
ways and means of raising this sum
an Executive Committee was appoint-
ed by the meeting, with the Hon. Mr.
A. G. Stephen as Hon. Treasurer and
the Rev. Mr. Featherstone as Hon.
Secretary.

FORGERY CHARGE.

RELUCTANT WITNESSES.

SUBPOENAS SOUGHT.

At the Magistracy yesterday
afternoon, Magistrate Lindsell heard
further evidence in the case in which
a Chinese named Pan Yik Cho, alias
Pan Siu Chuen, alias Pan Kim, is
charged with forgery, in 1907, of
a second deed of mortgage, and
obtaining \$4,000 by means of it. In
the charge, the amount is entered as
\$45,000, it being explained that the
prosecution is claiming compound
interest on the money for 14 years
at 18 per cent per annum.

After the defendant's brother,
Pan Ho, who had been sub-
poenaed by the prosecution to
give evidence, had testified that
the signature on the document
was not his, a witness, who was
standing surety for the defendant's
appearance, and who spoke English
well, told the Court that he did not
know the nature of the charge
against the defendant; he had never
discussed the case with the defendant,
though he had known him for over
20 years; and he had never heard
the word "mortgage" mentioned in
connection with the matter.

The case was further remanded.
This morning Mr. N. C. Mac-
namara's clerk applied for a sub-
poena requiring Mr. F. X. d'Almada,
solicitor, to give evidence. The
Magistrate said that he would not
issue a subpoena unless he received
a letter from Mr. Macnamara certifying
that Mr. d'Almada had refused
to give evidence. He remarked that
other people had been subpoenaed to
give evidence in the case, but when
they came to Court, it was found
that their evidence was of no use in
the case. Thus their time as well as
that of the Court had been wasted.

SHIP'S MATE DEAD.

SUPPOSED HEART FAILURE.

DEATH AT SAILOR'S HOME.

The remains of a European named
Charles Price were yesterday removed
to the public mortuary from the
Sailors' Home, West Point, where he
was found lying dead in bed in his
room about 2 a.m. The deceased who
was a ship's mate, had been ill for
some time, and up to a couple of days
ago was an inmate of the Government
Civil Hospital. He had found work
immediately after leaving hospital
and was living at the Sailors' Home
awaiting the arrival of his ship, when
death claimed him. Capt. Baylis,
superintendent of the Home, states
that about 8.30 the deceased was
apparently quite well when his room
boy brought in his breakfast. Death
is thought to be due to heart failure.
The deceased was 40 years of age,
and leaves relatives at Home, for
whom much sympathy will be felt.

WHY.

ARE SOME WINDS HOT AND OTHERS COLD?

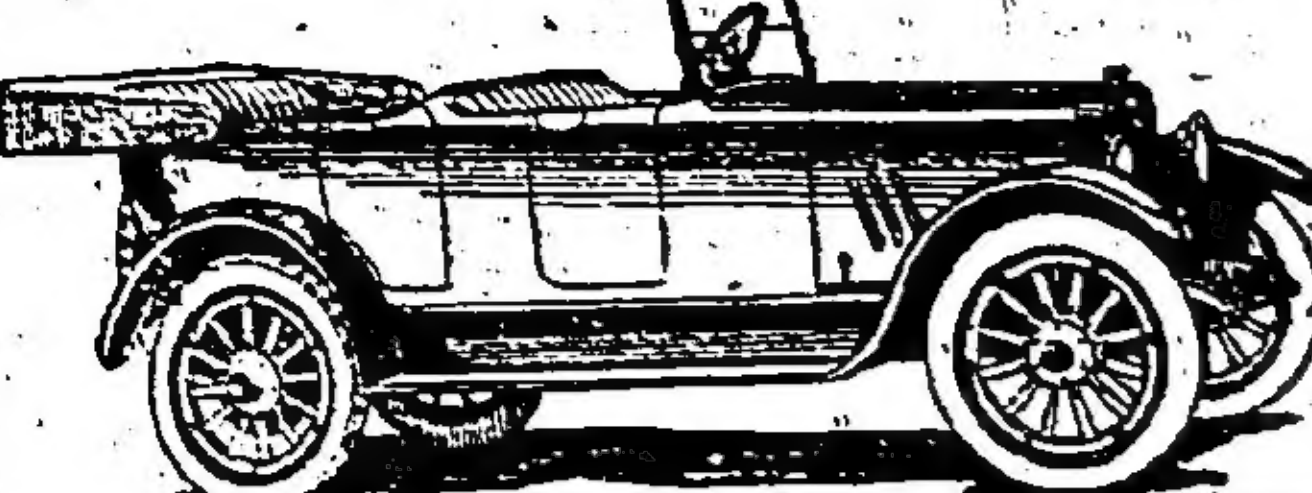
Like man, nature can "blow hot
or cold" with the same breath,
though it is sometimes amazing to
note the difference in temperature
between winds of equal velocity but
widely varying degrees of heat. But,
when we think of a cold, piercing
gale, the words "North wind" im-
mediately come into our minds, and,
simultaneously, a hot dry movement of
the air causes us to think of a "South
wind" and in the names themselves
lies the explanation of much of the
variation in temperature.

If it were possible to have a wind
which had not passed over any por-
tion of the earth, or had not been
changed in temperature by reason of
the altitude or other contributing
cause, we would find that it was
nothing more than a movement of
the air which, of itself and by itself,
differs not at all from the surround-
ing atmosphere. The wind would be
neither hot nor cold, though its effect
would be cooling on account of the
way in which it stimulated evapora-
tion. But the moment air starts to
move across a hot or cold surface, it
immediately absorbs some of the
heat or coldness, carrying at least a
portion of this with it on its journey.
The "north wind," of course, has
swept over some portion of the earth
which is almost certainly colder than
the section toward which it blows,
and, similarly, the "south wind"
brings with it some of the warmth
of the earth heated by the more
direct rays of the sun. Wind has its
origin in the inequalities of tempera-
ture, which, in turn, lead to more or
less rapid alterations of the air, the
heated portion of the atmosphere
tending to rise upward, and the
colder portion dropping toward the
earth. Nature strives always for an
equality, and the warm breezes and
cold blasts are one of the ways in
which she tends to equalize matters.

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A PLUCKY ACT.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH CHEUNG CHAU.

C.S.P. REPLIES TO CRITICISM.

An incident which lends emphasis to the demands that have been made in the past for better communications between Cheung Chau and Hongkong occurred last Tuesday when two ladies resident on Cheung Chau found themselves faced with the necessity of rowing across to Hongkong, a distance of ten miles, in order to procure medical assistance for a European lady visitor who had become seriously ill.

An attempt to summon aid by telephoning from the Police Station led to the discovery that the telephone cable was out of order and it also happened that the European Police Sergeant was absent on duty leaving Indians and Chinese, incapable of understanding English, in charge of the station. With commendable pluck, the two ladies, Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Archer, then resolved to row across in a 12 foot dinghy and just when they were starting two Chinese volunteers offered to accompany them. When about half way across the dinghy was overtaken by a Chinese sampan which towed it for the rest of the way. The journey across occupied about two hours and a half. On arrival in Hongkong the ladies at once got into touch with a doctor who took a launch over to Cheung Chau and brought the patient back with him.

In reporting the incident this morning the *Hongkong Daily Press* stated that only "futile attempts" had been made by the Government to comply with the demands that the telephone communication should be improved and that two European sergeants instead of only one should be stationed on the Island.

Invited by a *China Mail* reporter to-day to comment upon the position the Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. E. D. C. Wolfe) said that the telephone cable to Cheung Chau was a new one which was laid down last year. Early in the week it was reported to police headquarters that it was out of order—something likely to happen in the case of the best regulated cables—and the matter of repairing it was immediately taken in hand by the Public Works Department. To-day's reports disclosed that the line was in working order.

Discussing the question of a second European police officer for the Island the C.S.P. said that in the past he had sent a second man to do duty at Cheung Chau whenever he had one available. At present however, everyone was clamouring for police, especially in connection with the prevention of cargo pilfering and it was a matter of putting the men wherever they were most wanted. "If a special patrol is wanted here in the city," the C.S.P. explained, "I have to take men off the beats that they can be easiest spared from. That is really the position in regard to Cheung Chau but as soon as the force is up to strength again a second European will be sent there."

Representatives of the women's suffrage movement in Hunan have petitioned the officials in that province to grant equal suffrage and other public rights to women. These women suffragists demand—(1) The right to vote and to hold office. (2) Equal educational opportunities. (3) The right to inherit property from parents. (4) The abolition of bigamy and polygamy.

The South China Athletic Association are again representing China in football at the Far Eastern Olympic Games at Shanghai this year. The team has been chosen as follows: Leung Yuk Tong (Captain), Lau Hing Cheung, Chan So, Leung Tai Fong, Wong Pak Chung, An Kit Sang, Fung Tai, Cheung Wing Sing, Ip Kiu, Pang Kam Wing and Kam Fook. The following will go up with the team as reserves: Lai Yuk Tat, Pok Sing Ju, Hui Shing Ju and Chan Kwong Ju. Besides the footballers, the Association are sending up some track runners and swimmers. The football team, with the exception of Fung Tai, sailed for Shanghai on the "Summing" at 3 p.m. yesterday, with Mr. Lau Fook Ki, the manager. Mr. Fung Tai will leave by the "Wenatchee" on May 25.

NEW PUBLICATION.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

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Ethical Wedding.

The word "obey" was omitted from the ritual at a wedding which took place in London the other day. The wedding was an "Ethical" one and took place in the Ethical Church, Queen's-road, Bayswater. The bride was Miss Mary Bridgett Eyles, and the bridegroom Mr. Cuthbert Harry Clark. The formula for both bride and bridegroom was: "With these rings we wed each other, pledging ourselves in honour to prefer each other's good and together to live for the common good." There were no bridesmaids and the bride was not "given away." No registrar was present.

Odd Facts About Shaving.

The average measurement around the chin from ear to ear is found to be 12 1/2 inches. From where the beard starts on the throat to the chin and thence to the edge of the underlip is 4 1/2 inches. Two strokes of the razor are required to each inch or fraction of an inch, in order to cover all the surface, and each section of the face is to be gone over twice to get a "clean shave." So multiplying the number of strokes by the number of times the razor is passed over the entire face, you get the figure 4, and four times the two above mentioned measurements gives you the figures of 50 and 18 respectively, which added together produce 68. Therefore the average man, whether dark or light, shaves 68 inches once every 24 hours. So every man wearing only a mustache shaves 2,068 feet 4 inches a year. Taking, then, the average life as 70 years, and that the fair man begins shaving at 18 and the dark man 2 years earlier, or at 16, we have the following result: "That a fair man, if he lives till he is 70, will shave, in the course of his life, 20 miles, 651 yards and 4 inches." The dark man, if he lives till he is 70, will shave in the course of his life 20 miles, 1,242 yards, 1 foot and 3 inches.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Produce," Capt. Winsnes, 743 tons, arrived this morning at 7 a.m. from Newcastle with 1,050 tons of coal.

The s.s. "Hopsang," Cap. J. H. Ferguson, 1,359 tons, arrived this morning at 7 a.m. from Swatow with 70 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Glenogle," Capt. Simpson, 5,880 tons, arrived this morning at 8 a.m. from Singapore with 445 tons of general cargo and 2,000 tons of coal.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Kueichow," Capt. Ritchie, sailed for Tientsin, Chefoo via Wei-haiwei at 5.30 a.m., to-day with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Hanoi," Capt. Morvan, sailed for Haiphong via Kwong Chow Wan at 9 a.m., to-day with 300 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Petrol," Capt. T. K. Welsh, sailed for Singapore at noon to-day.

The s.s. "Hatching," Captain Stewart, sailed for Foochow via Swatow at noon to-day with 1,200 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Yuensang," Capt. McAlinh, sailed for Manila at 3 p.m. to-day with 800 tons of general cargo.

CLEARANCES.

The s.s. "Suiyik," Chinese, cleared to-day and will sail for Shanghai at daylight to-morrow.

The s.s. "Chenan," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Shanghai at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

MARINE MISDOINGS.

Charged with having been unlawfully on board the s.s. "Empress of Asia," Lam Wun, a hawker from San Wal, and Wong Hung, a street coolie of San Ning, pleaded guilty at the Marine Court to-day and were sentenced by the Marine Magistrate (Lieutenant Comway Hake R.N.R.) to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour. Lam Wun's excuse was that he went on board to look for a friend and the other man said that he was looking for work on the ship as a coolie. Both men had been previously convicted.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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EFFECTIVE from this date, Mr. J. PERCY A. COX, has been appointed General Agent of The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd. at Hongkong, succeeding Mr. J. H. WALLACE, who has retired from this Company's service.

WM. T. PAYNE, Manager, Japan and China.

Hongkong, May 20, 1921.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY beg to NOTIFY the public that this Consulate will not be responsible for any debts incurred by EDGAR JOHNSON, previously of the Norwegian steamship "Providence."

SVETTER BERG, Acting Consul for Norway.

Hongkong, May 20, 1921.

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A practice parade for above will be held at Headquarters, on Friday, 27th instant, at 5.30 p.m.

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Dress: Drill Order with Helmets.
G. F. E. RAPSON, Bt-Major, Adjutant H.V.D. Corps.
Hongkong, May 20, 1921.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Proposal To Change Steamer's Name

I, H. M. H. NEMAZEE of Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of an undertaking to that effect in the Bill of Sale and for the sake of uniformity in the names of the steamers of my fleet I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of The Merchant Shipping Act 1894 in respect of the ship "BERRUM-BEET" of Hongkong Official No. 91,487 of gross tonnage 2420 tons register tonnage 1561 tons heretofore and at present owned by myself for permission to change her name to "BALISTAN" and to have her registered in the new name at the port of Hongkong, as owned by myself.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong this 20th day of May, 1921.

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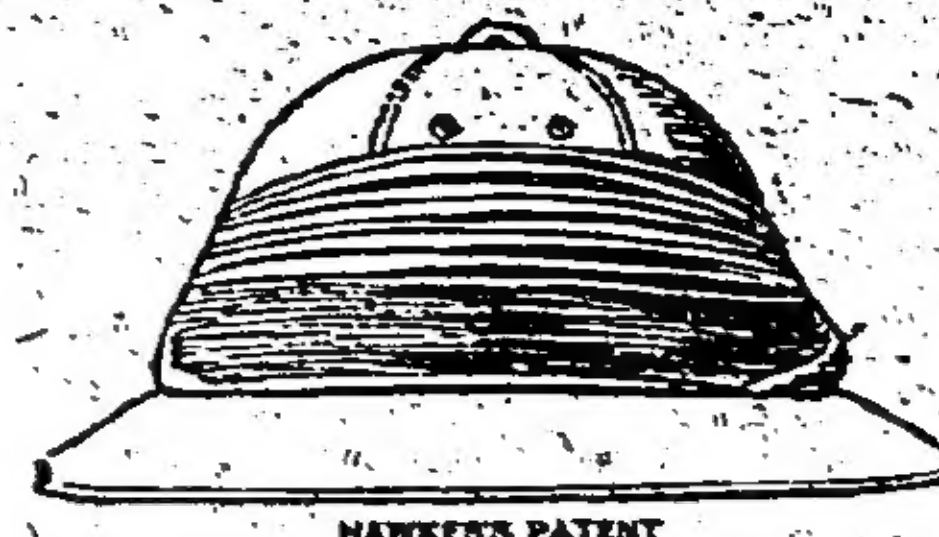
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The Canton Times of May 19 had this:

After having written and sent to the press the editorial that appeared in yesterday's issue, we received our copy of the *China Mail* which contained an interesting leader under the heading "Canton Rumour Mongers." As we had no time to comment upon it then, we printed the editorial in full.

We agree with our contemporary that rumours should be stopped in the bud so as to prevent unfounded suspicion. The *China Mail* has the confidence of the Chinese people and we believe the editor is entirely sincere. We also confirm the statement that the *China Mail* was the only European newspaper in Hongkong to denounce the Cassell coal concession. But in this connection, may we respectfully point out to the *China Mail* that the Cassell Agreement was dated April 23, and the Supplementary Agreement August 2, 1920 while the *China Mail* had no knowledge of these agreements until months later after they had been published in the Canton press. Months prior to the time the original agreement was signed, negotiations must have been going on; yet the Hongkong newspapers seemed to have had no knowledge of it. While we do not doubt that our contemporary will raise its voice as quickly and as loudly as the most patriotic Chinese could do, the moment it discovers any British attempt, Imperial or otherwise, to overreach China, or take advantage of her diplomatically, the fact remains, that it would not discover such an attempt in time to frustrate it. Therein lies the danger.

Just what has the *China Mail* been able to discover in regard to Governor Stubbs' visit to Peking? Has any satisfactory explanation been given by the Secretary of Chinese Affairs for the gratuitous insult inflicted upon the Canton Government in the two official proclamations?

When the editor of the *China Mail* is taken into the confidence of the Hongkong Government and is given free access to its official mind, then we shall accept its assurances unreservedly. In the meantime, we must maintain a strict vigilance and accept what is said and done officially by the duly constituted authorities of Hongkong, as the only true indication of their attitude toward this province. Furthermore, Reuters have telegraphed the substance of those two proclamations all over the country. This will add to the prestige of our political enemies, for they will make good use of the fact that Hongkong, our nearest neighbour, in official proclamations, predict the government of Sun Wen will fall in no time. What splendid propaganda material that will make for Peking and Kwangsi! This damaging statement may do much to encourage

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EFFECTS OF THE REVOLUTION.

That the revolution has not been without its effects on German society is shown by the number of love marriages by members of princely houses which would have been difficult, if not impossible, under the Kaiser's regime, wrote a special correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* from Berlin recently. The *Berliner Volkszeitung* now announces the wedding of Princess Charlotte of Reuss, who is Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and cousin both of the ex-Kaiser and of the ex-German Crown Prince, to a commoner of the undistinguished name of Schmidt. The bride is 52 years old, and exactly twice the age of her husband, who was a Captain in a cavalry regiment, and is now a wholesale merchant. It appears that she was very unhappy with her first husband, Henry XVIII of Reuss, younger line, and long ago wished to obtain a divorce from him, but was prevented by the opposition of the Kaiser. As a matter of form, permission for the remarriage was sought at Doorn Chateau, but no reply was received to the application. In answer to the remonstrance of one of her oldest friends, who pointed out the deprivations and risks associated with the second marriage, the Princess replied: "My princely position has brought me so little happiness in life that I gladly renounce it if only for one year I can be happy like other people."

The *Volkszeitung* mentions the probability that the ex-Kaiser's sister, Victoria, widow of the Duke Adolf of Schaumburg-Lippe, will also shortly re-enter the married state with a husband of a lower social standing than her own. The ex-Duke of Saxe-Altenburg has already divorced his first wife, a Princess of Schaumburg-Lippe, with whom he had lived for twenty years, in order to marry an opera prima donna of what used to be his Court Theatre.

those in opposition to Canton and hamper the progress of those principles for which Canton contends.

So the Secretary of Chinese Affairs should have the grace to publicly apologize for his indiscretion and admit he blundered badly. He has stated this government is in poverty and will fall in no time. This will give the impression that investments in this province and contracts made with this government are alike unsafe. When Canton needs capital for its proposed municipal industrial projects, such a statement coming from an official in Hongkong can do considerable mischief.

If A, a business man, endeavoured to obtain credit for the extension of his business, and B, another business man, made a public statement that A was insolvent and on the verge of ruin, B would have to prove the truth of his statement or become liable for heavy damages. We regard Secretary Ross' proclamation somewhat in this light. He must prove the truth of his statement or make proper amends to the people he has injured. A disdained silence on his part will not do.

SHIPPING.

JAPAN'S RAPID RISE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE.

Japan having made a rapid rise to the third position in international shipbuilding, is like the United States and the United Kingdom, engaged in the task of endeavouring to maintain the industry on the considerable scale set up during the war period. The rise of Japanese yards to the position of building 700,000 tons a year represents an extraordinary performance, and in carrying out the American contract for standard ships one of her yards put up a record in the way of rapid output. This belongs to the history of war shipbuilding; the point of interest at the moment is what measure of success Japanese builders are likely to achieve in maintaining third place among shipbuilding nations. Those who are in a position to judge believe that in spite of the fact that so large a percentage of shipbuilding material has to be imported our Far Eastern rival may succeed in this task. Japanese ships are of good repute; admitting that her naval architects have simply followed British practice, except in details, they have learnt their lesson well, and the products of Japanese yards are superior to the war time products of the American industry. It may be assumed, therefore, that Japanese rivalry is to be seriously regarded, and it has to be remembered that her industry—unlike our own—is now being materially assisted over lean times by large orders for warship building. A considerable number of the yards which would otherwise be without work are building the new units of the Japanese Navy which will ensure fairly active conditions for a considerable period. Before these contracts are worked off the merchant shipbuilding situation will in all likelihood have become easier. Those who have had an opportunity of inspecting the more important Japanese yards are aware that in layout and equipment they compare not unfavourably with the best elsewhere. The main handicap to more rapid progress is the lack of a home industry to feed the native shipbuilder of his reliance on outside sources of supply for the materials of construction. That is a handicap which the Government as well as private enterprise is out to remove. There is also a wages problem in Japan. Wages have advanced to fully 400 per cent over the pre-war level, but are of course still infinitely below our scale even when regard is had to the difference in the cost of living in the two countries. The Government is, however, now giving consideration to the question of renewing the subsidy to the shipbuilding industry, the term of which expired during the war period while payments had been suspended. A committee is now engaged in an investigation, and a decision on the subject is expected in the near future. Many believe that the subsidy will be resumed. —*Journal of Commerce*.

VANDERBILT HARBOUR.

Serious alarm exists at King's Lynn that this most valuable harbour is in danger. Much country on either side the Wash and inland up the Ouse is concerned. Quite steadily, without any attempt at dredging, a bar has been forming across the fairway some five miles seaward of Lynn. It is already so considerable that the sewage often does not escape to sea, but flows to and fro or is cast up on the shore. The water at low tide in the docks has steadily risen, proving again that the water cannot flow seawards as it used.

Inland up the Ouse as well as along the Wash much country is subject to flood, and efforts are being made to reclaim it permanently for cultivation but the fulfilment of much of the work is beyond description.

Lynn residents say that there are 49 different drainage bodies, but the territory of none of them extends to the foot of the river, which is the bar forming with the river, when the trouble is in the sea channel. It is believed by those who have most closely studied the question on the spot that a sensible and single effort would restore hundreds of acres to cultivation, save the loss of other acres, and most important of all, free the harbour from risk of practical extinction.

In the present middle of authorities and Government blindness to the danger all conditions are growing worse.

OIL ENGINE PROGRESS.

The oil engine industry of Great Britain received a great stimulus during the war owing to the wide applicability of the different types to war purposes. Productive energies of manufacturers were encouraged by the removal of all obstacles by the

Government. Organisation led to the specialisation in the production of engines and engine parts, and the installation of special plant has opened the possibility of success in Continental and American competition, by reason also of the largely increased number of producers. Whether a type of engine suited to war requirements will exactly meet the needs of ordinary commercial purposes is perhaps open to doubt. Nevertheless, the specialisation which, as a product of organisation, sprang up during the war, will undoubtedly play an equally important part in peacetime developments, and there is evidence of progress along these lines. There are still, however, many problems connected with oil engines which await solution, and it is certain that both makers and users will co-operate in order to bring together all possible data, scientific and technical, to ensure ultimate success in this competition, and amongst these problems is that of the effective and efficient injection of the fuel into the engine.

LOCAL NOTES.

There was launched from the yard of the New Engineering Works a new shallow draught steamer, the s.s. "Anning" for the Yangtze River. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. H. E. Arnold in the presence of a large gathering, and speeches were afterwards delivered by Mr. Brankston and Mr. Arnold. Mrs. Arnold was presented with a very pretty diamond brooch and a bouquet. The "Anning" is for service between Ichang and Chungking and is practically a duplicate of the Shun-Hun. Curiously enough, lying beside the new steamer was the "Kinsba," pioneer of upriver steamers, which is now in the hands of the New Engineering Works.

GENERAL NOTES.

Some of the work in connection with the construction of the five Cunard liners on the Tyne has been suspended. One vessel has been launched.

Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., Ltd., have received a contract from the Nigerian Government for constructional work, amounting in value to £200,000.

It is rumoured in Paris as possible that the Suez Canal dividend for the last financial year will be increased, and a distribution made furthermore of a part of the profits accumulated by reason of money exchange. The allotment might thus reach 350%, as against the former distribution of 210%.

The *Berlingske Tidende* states that Capt. Prince Axel, son of Prince Waldemar of Denmark and cousin of King George V., has obtained leave from the Danish Navy until January 1923 in order to take over the captaincy of one of the East Asiatic Company's largest steamers—Exchange.

For the fifth time the wooden screw steamer "Dagmar," of Trondhjem, as she now lies at Stornoway, was exposed for sale in Glasgow, by order of the Court of Session. The vessel, which, at the beginning of the year, was exposed at £8,000, was put up at £500, and sold to a Glasgow fish merchant at that figure.

It is reported that the port of Bruges is now officially opened to traffic. The first steamer to go up the canal was the Norwegian steamship "Ravensdal," with a cargo of coal for England, drawing 14ft. of water. The four-mast barque "El Hackfeld," now at Zeebrugge, is due in Bruges docks shortly; she loads 4,000 tons and draws 22ft.

The newest ship yet projected by the Japanese is one of 43,000 tons. She is to have a speed of 23 knots, and an armament of eight 16-in. guns and eight tubes for 21-in. torpedoes. Even in the cheap way that Japan can build ships, such ships—and she is to build a couple of these—must cost to build a couple of £500,000 and £600,000 sterling. If Japan had coal and iron she could beat the world in naval construction.

There has never been such a large number of vessels under arrest as at present. Thirty-five ships are now in custody, a result no doubt of the many default actions following the slump. Owners who are unable to meet their liabilities are content to let judgment go by default of appearance. To look on the brighter side of the subject, there are certainly some very fine steamships and useful sailing vessels on sale through the Admiralty Court, and a few remarkable bargains will fall to the farseeing purchaser.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail.)
 THE BELGIAN DELEGATION.

London, May 19th.
 With the exception of the *Morning Post*, which compares Mr. Lloyd George to a counter at cockney shilling at Hampstead Heath, and declares that he is throwing balls of rhetoric at the heads of France and Poland, the newspapers applaud the opportunities and candour of the Premier's statement. They do not sight of the fact that France has much reason to be suspicious of anything smacking of pro-German sympathy, but argue that the Premier does not entertain such feelings nor antipathy towards Poland. On the contrary, Mr. Lloyd George, fearlessly, seeks to safeguard the future of the whole of Europe, ignoring the immediate "interests" in favour of principles of justice, which are more likely to serve the world in the future.

The Liberal organs, particularly, welcome the statement as marking a departure from war-breeding diplomatic intrigues by the substitution of healthy frankness and publicity, which, it is hoped, will have the effect of righting the situation, which is threatened to become most critical since 1914.

Berlin, May 19th.
 An Inter-Allied Military Control Commission Note demands Germany immediately to take measures to prevent recruiting of volunteers for Silesia, and disband the detachment already formed.

London, May 19th.
 "Enter understands that Italy has intimated her willingness to send Count Sforza immediately to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Supreme Council. France has, also, agreed to the meeting, but is unable to fix a date at present, owing to the uncertainty of the duration of the debate in the French Chamber which will begin to-day.

INDIA IN IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

London, May 19th.
 Mr. Sastri, the Indian delegate to the Imperial Conference, has arrived in London. Interviewed by the *Manchester Guardian* correspondent, he declared that he was not particularly optimistic in regard to the conference, and could not say that round table discussions of subjects of Imperial interest led to much improvement of India's status in the Empire, which must be raised to equality with the Dominions, otherwise the defence of India was that it could not be expected to discuss seriously the problems of Imperial defence and Imperial Preference.

Mr. Sastri bitterly referred to the exclusion of Indians from Australia and Canada, and declared that South Africa had shown considerable racial prejudice towards Indian settlers. In view of this position, India would definitely oppose Imperial Preference. Freedom of trade also meant freedom to enter another country. As long as this were denied, India would continue to demand Dominion status.

Mr. Sastri strongly favoured an Indian Navy manned by Indians and controlled from India. Its relationship to the Imperial Fleet must be carefully discussed. As for example, he could not imagine the Indian Navy in the event of war being ordered to protect Australia, which had closed its doors to Indians.

ECONOMIC SLOUGH.

Cairo, May 19th.
 Sir Auckland Geddes, in a speech here, advocated world-wide reduction of armaments, and pleaded for Anglo-American co-operation in the interests of the peace of the world. He also supported an international agreement among business men unhampered by Government supervision, in order to extricate the world wide from the economic slough.

OBITUARY.

WARRINGTON, May 19th.
 The death is announced of Mr. E. W. White, Chief Justice of the United States.

INTERNATIONAL BANKERS' ASSOCIATION. IMPORTANT SHANGHAI INNOVATION.

Exceedingly important results are likely to ensue from a meeting of the Foreign Bankers' Association of Shanghai, which took place on Thursday week last.

The meeting was held to consider the advisability of forming an International Bankers' Association, which should include the Chinese as well as foreign banks and the Native Bankers' Guild; and as a result of the discussion and of other negotiations it is extremely probable that the association will be formed.

The importance of such a body can hardly be overestimated. The native banks have in recent years gained great strength, and the combination now projected would be able to exert an influence and make representations on financial questions in China with such weight as has never previously been available. The successful accomplishment of the project deserves the best wishes of all the Chinese and foreign business communities. —*N.C.D. News*.

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 1919 Account.—This account shows a net profit on working of \$585,591.01 which sum it is proposed to apportion as follows:—
 Dividend of \$7.00 and Bonus of \$3.00 per Share on 20,000 Shares 200,000.00
 To add to Reinsurance Fund 100,000.00
 To add to Extra Reserve Fund 100,000.00
 To carry forward to Underwriting Suspense A/c 185,591.01
 \$585,591.01

1920 Account.—The Balance at Credit of this Account is \$1,303,170.21

Directors.—Mr. G. M. Dowdell and Mr. J. A. Plimmer retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
 Auditor.—The annexed accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Mr. C. Bernard Brown who offer themselves for re-election.

MANY TONGUES.

LONDON'S QUEER LANGUAGES.

GRAMOPHONES TO TEACH CHINESE.

The departure of many young men to positions in the former German possessions in Africa is in most cases preceded by a course at the School of Oriental Studies, Finsbury Circus, E.C. Several hundred languages and dialects are taught, including Japanese, Sanskrit, Korean, Chinese, Arabic, Urdu, Armenian, Punjabi, and Baluchi.

"Business men are beginning to realise the advantage of a knowledge of languages," said Sir E. Denison Ross, director of the school, to a reporter. "Among recent students were four men sent for an 8 months' course of intensive Arabic by a firm of Bradford dyers."

"The school is now a recognised part of the University of London and we have more than 500 students. Scotsmen are the most apt at picking up Oriental languages."

"The most obtuse of the languages we teach, I should say, is Yoruba, a dialect spoken in Nigeria." Pronunciation is taught by a system of phonetics. In addition gramophones are used to teach the pronunciation of the Mandarin and Cantonese dialects of Chinese, Arabic, and Persian. By this means an Eton boy was able to pronounce Persian perfectly after one month's study. "Every language has its 'tune,'" said Sir E. Denison Ross, "and the gramophone gives the right lift to the pronunciation."
 Lectures, to which the public are invited free, are given from time to time on all subjects connected with the East. Anyone can join the library for a guinea a year. It contains one of the finest collections of Eastern books in this world."

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KINEMA NOTES.

CORONET THEATRE.

A WONDERFUL PHOTOPLAY.

"The World's most beautiful love story" is said to describe Hal Reid's play, "The Confession," which has been made into a marvellous motion picture by the National Film Corporation, featuring Henry Walthall.

The story is one calculated to hold the audience spellbound from beginning to end, encompassing as it does, every phase of human emotion, the love of sweetheart for sweetheart, brother for brother, and the love of a mother for her son.

"The Confession" as a stage play had a wonderful career, and in its new form is much better, from the fact that it is not limited to the few stage scenes possible in a theatre. It involves a theme never before attempted, and will long be remembered both for its powerful story and the sympathetic portrayal of the role enacted by Henry Walthall, a role in which he rises to the heights of true artistry.

The Coronet management announce that this picture had been reserved as a special opening attraction for the Korlow Theatre, but unfortunately the inclement weather has delayed the completion of the building. As it is impossible to keep "The Confession" in Hongkong as the owner is leaving the Colony on Monday, it has been decided to show it at the Coronet instead. There being only three days available it will be wise to make sure of seats by booking early. To-day and to-morrow the times will be 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 and 9.15. Sunday 6 p.m., and 2.15 p.m. only.

SUPERSTITIONS.

CAULS.

The superstition with regard to the caul—the membrane which sometimes envelopes a child's head at birth—is by no means extinct. It is still by many supposed to indicate good fortune for the child so born; and many to be an infallible charm against drowning, for the person who can get possession of one and wears it about him. Now and then cauls are advertised for sale. Their market price is now uncertain; but it is said that in the seventeenth century sailors used to pay from \$50 to \$150 for one.

"I was born with a caul," says Dickens in the beginning of "David Copperfield" and relates how his caul was purchased by an old lady in the neighbourhood whom it preserved from death by drowning; the fact that she never in her life ventured on the water being merely incidental. "The caul superstition can be clearly traced back into remote history. It is a survival of the worship of the Egyptian goddess Isis—the caul is the 'Veil of Isis.' The word itself is a form of the old Gaelic 'Cail,' a veil. Just why Isis should have had an especial connection with the water and those who ventured upon it is a trifle hazy; but there is no doubt that she did and a ship was carried in the procession in her honour."

It is rather remarkable how often, in investigating modern superstitions, we run across traces of olden worship. It is a reminder of the persistency with which her cult introduced itself into Greek and Roman communities in spite of the opposition of priests and law-givers.

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